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Gentlemen:

I want to express my support of the Microsoft settlement. First I want to state that I am presently a very small owner Microsoft stock - 100 shares - but it is not a factor in my views on this matter.

I think there should be an end to all of this litigation which is only making a lot of money for lawyers for no earthly reason. When I purchased my first computer it was loaded with dos and its usefulness to me was marginal at best.

Microsoft's creation of Windows 3.1 and all of its future OS thereafter is what created the computer that average people could use and without that OS I doubt the average person would have ever become everyday users of computers and the country would be poorer for it. Indeed Netscape and other software companies owe their very existence to Microsoft's Windows.

Lets clear up something here. Ever since Netscape hit the market I have had that program installed on my computer and used it regularly until just recently. I simply installed it on my Windows computer and used it without regard to IE. Even after IE came integrated into Windows 98 and Me I still installed Netscape because I was used to it and liked its interface. Indeed I have Netscape installed on my present computer and use it frequently although I am beginning to use IE because I think it is a better product.

All Microsoft did was cause Netscape to stop charging an arm and a leg that it was doing. I guess it would have benefited consumers if Microsoft had charged \$50.00 to \$75.00 for IE rather than bundle it with Windows and thereby make even more money!

I was opposed to the lawsuit against Microsoft in the first place because I don't think it was in the public interest but the interest of its competitors and it is time to stop this nonsense.

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